



Course Code IREL-561	Course Title Research and Methodologies	ECTS Credits 7.5
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Fall, Spring	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Required	Field International Relations	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 2 nd Cycle	Year of Study 2 nd	Lecturer(s) Dr Craig Webster
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:
Introduce students to the logic and methods of social scientific inquiry.

Learning Outcomes:

- After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:
1. Demonstrate extensive knowledge of the research methods used in the field of International Relations and the Social Sciences.
 2. Illustrate a full understanding of the complexity of the field of study and its relation to other subjects.
 3. Critically analyze research within the field of study.
 4. Communicate in English language both orally and in written form at (near) native level.
 5. Use IT skills (word processing, Internet and e-mail) as study and communication tools.
 6. Display the learning skills to allow them to partake in research of international phenomena with a minimal amount of assistance.
 7. Make efficient use of libraries, bibliographical material and academic research.

Course Contents:

1. Introduction to Method and Social Science
2. Doing Social Research
3. Theory and Research
4. Ethics in Social Research
5. The Literature Review
6. Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches
7. Sampling Approaches
8. Survey Research
9. The Experiment
10. Nonreactive Research and Secondary Analysis
11. Analysis of Qualitative Data and Field Research

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Project work, Simulation Exercises, Methodological and theoretical seminars, Tutorial sessions

Assessment Methods:

Mid-Term Exam, Final Exam, Class Participation, Essays

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Neuman, W. Lawrence	Basics of Social Research: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches, Second Edition, New York:	Pearson/Allyn and Bacon.	2007	

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Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Blalock, Hubert M.	An Introduction to Social Research.	Prentice-Hall	1970	0134968360
Campbell, Donald	Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Designs for Research	Wadsworth Publishing	1963	0395307872
Byrne, David	Interpreting Quantitative Data.	Sage Publications	2002	076196262X
Dunn, Mairead and others	Becoming a Researcher: a Research Companion for the Social Sciences.	Open University Press	2005	0335213944

Gorard, Stephen	Quantitative Methods in Social Science: the Role of Numbers Made Easy.	Continuum	2003	0826465862
Hakim, Catherine	Research Design: Successful Designs for Social and Economic Research.	Routledge	2000	041522313X
Mason, Jennifer	Qualitative Researching.	Sage Publications	2002	0761974288